

RESOLUTION AGAINST A RENEWED NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

WHEREAS the United States government has announced a trillion dollar, 30-year program to upgrade and expand our nuclear armaments; and

WHEREAS we already have nearly 1,000 nuclear weapons securely deployed and ready for launch; and

WHEREAS eight other nations have nuclear weapons, most of which are hundreds of times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and

WHEREAS the extraction of raw materials for nuclear weapons threatens the lands of Indigenous Peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS the U.S. President has the power and authority to launch our nuclear weapons without consulting anyone else; and

WHEREAS expansion of our nuclear arsenal would provoke a new and more dangerous arms race because other nuclear-weapons states would feel a need to keep up; and

WHEREAS the United States is a party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which requires our country and other nuclear-weapons states to pursue good faith negotiations to end the nuclear arms race and work toward nuclear disarmament; and

WHEREAS the United Nations, over the opposition of the United States and most other NATO nations, issued in July 2017 a proposed “Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons” that would (a) prohibit signatory nations from developing, testing, producing, stockpiling, transferring or using nuclear weapons, and from assisting others in doing so, and (b) impose, upon signatory nations that currently possess nuclear weapons, a timetable for negotiations leading to the verified and irreversible elimination of those weapons; and

WHEREAS that Treaty provides that it is not to go into effect until it has been signed and ratified by at least 50 nations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge our government to immediately (1) cease any and all efforts to upgrade and expand our nuclear armament, and (2) impose additional checks and restrictions before nuclear weapons can be launched; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on our government to join, without further delay, the U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to our Senators and Members of Congress representing King County with the request that they initiate actions to implement the above provisions.

Adopted _____ *by* _____